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**Chandigarh, March 12:- With global warming posing a threat for the real, and rapid urbanization mounting pressure on land, making it scarcer and pricier, it's time to go in for 'green and intelligent buildings.' Going by this precept, the Chandigarh Housing Board plans to construct its green and intelligent building, the first-of-its-kind in the region.**

**A green and intelligent building, according to experts in construction space, is one that uses less water, optimizes energy efficiency, helps conserve natural resources, generates less waste and provides healthier space for its occupants.**

**Finance Secretary, Mr. Sanjay Kumar stated that the Chandigarh Administration has given its nod to the project. A chunk of land measuring 3.26 acres along the Madhya Marg, had already been allotted to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the construction of its office, a spokesman said here today. The construction of office building complex is governed by the Architecture Department of the UT Administration.**

**Chairman CHB, Mr. Mohanjeet Singh stated that the Green and intelligent buildings are fast becoming the norm as developers and buyers see concrete value in them and a future too. These are not only environment-friendly but also conserve natural resources and create an ambience that contributes to improved efficiency, human health, comfort and security in the long run.**

**The proposed building shall have a covered area of approximately 1,53,000 square feet. Such buildings are rated on five parameters—sustainable site development; water savings; energy efficient; material selection and indoor environment quality. Based on these parameters, the buildings are rated as certified-silver, gold and platinum. The most popular rating system was the US LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Designs). It has been adapted for India by the Indian Green Buildings Council.**

**Silver rating buildings are on a par with the conventional buildings. For higher levels of conformity to green building standards, the cost as compared to conventional buildings could be up by 3-5 per cent for gold rating, and 7-10 for a platinum rating. Agrawal and Agrawal Architects, Planner and Interior Designers, have been selected and appointed consulting architect for the project.**

**The building would cost the board about Rs 40 crore, Mr Rosha said.**

**The board had completed construction work on two single-storeyed blocks 'A' and 'C' in 1983 and 1993, respectively. However, the construction of seven-storeyed Block 'A' has not been taken up so far.**